



PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Rodolphe NASTA

Appln. No.: 09/471,281

Group Art Unit: 2683

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Examiner: Miller, B.

For: SATELLITE WITH OMNIDIRECTIONAL COVERAGE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 2) mailed April 24, 2002, the undersigned submits the following comments:

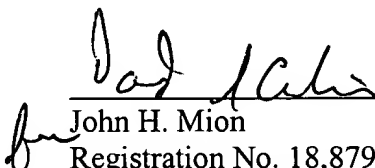
Each of claims 1-14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable (obvious) over **Farrell '217** in view of two or more of Durrant '452, Worger '345, Saulnier '388 and Dodd '292.

Applicant's French priority date is **December 31, 1998** which is **earlier** than **Farrell's** effective (filing) date of **July 1, 1999**. Therefore, enclosed herewith is a certified copy of the English translation of Applicant's French Priority Application No. 98 16 713 which overcomes all of the prior art rejections.

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Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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